GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to conserve various varieties of medicinal plants in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of Ayurvedic medicines alongwith the details thereof; and

(c) the amount given as grants by the Government for cultivation of medicinal plants during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Medicinal Plants Board has prioritised 32 medicinal plants species and an area of 10,500 acres of land has been covered under these species during the last two years. Besides, Government have provided financial support for modernizing State Ayurvedic Pharmacies, Drug Testing Laboratories and for adoption of good manufacturing practices.

(c) The amount given for overall growth and development of medicinal plants during the last three years is as follows :

2000-2001	Rs. 93.5 lacs
2001-2002	Rs. 999.4 lacs
2002-2003	Rs. 1407 lacs

In addition to this, the Deptt. Of Bio-technology has also given grant of Rs. 92.88 lacs for cultivation ofmedicinal plants during the last three years.